

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA  
OAKLAND DIVISION

GERARD DUENAS, HAROLD GOLDMAN,

Plaintiffs,

vs.

STEVEN FREITAS, AKA STEVE  
FREITAS, in his Official and Private  
Capacity, SONOMA COUNTY SHERIFF'S  
DEPARTMENT, KATHRYN STRALEY in  
her official and private capacity, DEUTSCHE  
BANK, NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY,  
MICHAEL S. AND MARY C.  
BASKAUSKAS, DOES 1-  
15, Inclusive,

Defendants.

Case No: C 13-00836 SBA

**ORDER DIRECTING PLAINTIFFS  
TO FILE RESPONSE TO  
DEFENDANT'S MOTION TO  
DISMISS**

On May 10, 2013, Defendant Deutsche Bank National Trust Company filed a motion to dismiss, pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 12(b)(6). Dkt. 21. Under Civil Local Rule 7-3(a), an opposition to a motion must be filed within fourteen days of the date the motion was filed, and the reply is due seven days thereafter. As such, Plaintiffs' response to the motion should have been filed by no later than May 24, 2013. To date, Plaintiffs have not filed any response to Defendants' motion.


This Court's Standing Orders warn that the failure to file a response to a motion may be construed as consent to the relief sought in the unopposed motion. Dkt. 14 at 5. As such, it is well within the discretion of the Court to grant Defendants' motion as unopposed and dismiss the action. See Fed. R. Civ. P. 41(b); Ghazali v. Moran, 46 F.3d 52, 53 (9th Cir. 1995). Nevertheless, mindful of its obligation to first consider to less drastic

alternatives, the Court will afford Plaintiffs one further opportunity to respond to the pending motion. Accordingly,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT Plaintiffs shall have until June 7, 2013 to file and serve their response (i.e., either an opposition or a statement of non-opposition) to Defendant's Rule 12(b)(6) motion to dismiss. Plaintiffs' response is limited to fifteen (15) pages and shall comply in all respects with the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and the Court's Civil Local Rules including, without limitation, Civil Local Rules 7-3 through 7-5. **PLAINTIFFS ARE WARNED THAT THE FAILURE TO FILE A RESPONSE BY THIS DEADLINE AND/OR TO COMPLY WITH THIS ORDER OR ANY OTHER APPLICABLE PROCEDURAL RULES WILL RESULT IN THE GRANTING OF THE PENDING MOTION AND THE DISMISSAL OF THIS ACTION.** In the event Plaintiffs timely file a response, Defendant may file a reply seven days after the deadline for Plaintiffs' response.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: May 29, 2013

  
SAUNDRA BROWN ARMSTRONG  
United States District Judge

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11 **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

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13 I, the undersigned, hereby certify that I am an employee in the Office of the Clerk, U.S. District  
14 Court, Northern District of California.

15 That on May 30, 2013, I SERVED a true and correct copy(ies) of the attached, by placing said  
16 copy(ies) in a postage paid envelope addressed to the person(s) hereinafter listed, by depositing  
17 said envelope in the U.S. Mail, or by placing said copy(ies) into an inter-office delivery receptacle  
18 located in the Clerk's office.

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26 Dated: May 30, 2013

Richard W. Wieking, Clerk

27 By: Lisa Clark, Deputy Clerk  
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